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SIX SENTENCED FOR ROLE IN METH CONSPIRACY

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that six co-defendants were sentenced in federal court this week for their role in a conspiracy to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine in Greene County, Mo.

Jackie Riddle, 31, of Bois D'Arc, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this morning to seven years in federal prison without parole. Riddle also was ordered to forfeit to the government \$16,986, which represents proceeds from the sale of methamphetamine.

On April 21, 2005, **Steven Moad**, 28, of Springfield, was sentenced to five years in federal prison without parole. Moad also was ordered to forfeit to the government \$3,275, which represents proceeds from the sale of methamphetamine.

On April 20, 2005, **Keith Webb**, 30, an inmate at Fulton Correctional Facility, was sentenced to five years in federal prison without parole.

On April 19, 2005, **Ernest Fuqua**, 40, of Springfield, was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison without parole. Fuqua also was ordered to forfeit to the government \$5,219, which represents proceeds from the sale of methamphetamine.

On April 18, 2005, **Carrol Wiles, Jr.**, 28, of Springfield, Mo., was sentenced to five years in federal prison without parole and **Rose Fuqua**, 43, of Springfield, was sentenced to two years and six months in federal prison without parole.

Each of these co-defendants pleaded guilty to conspiracy to manufacture and distribute in excess of 50 grams of methamphetamine between January 2002 and June 3, 2004, in Greene County.

Three other co-defendants also have pleaded guilty to their role in the conspiracy, two of which have been sentenced.

On March 9, 2005, **Lloyd R. Colvard, Jr.**, 33, of Pleasant Hope, Mo., was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison without parole. On Nov. 24, 2004, **Colvard** pleaded guilty to participating in the conspiracy to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine and to being a felon in possession of firearms. **Colvard** admitted that he conspired to manufacture and distribute 50 to 200 grams of methamphetamine. **Colvard** also admitted that he was in possession of four shotguns, two handguns, and two revolvers on different occasions between April 11, 2003, and Jan. 3, 2004.

On April 8, 2005, **Jerry D. Wright, Jr.**, 29, of Seymour, Mo., was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison without parole. On Jan. 4, 2005, **Wright** pleaded guilty to participating in the conspiracy to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine.

On Dec. 20, 2004, **Spikie Dean Powers**, 42, of Fair Grove, Mo., pleaded guilty to participating in the conspiracy to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Kimberly R. Weber Dean. It was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Springfield, Mo., Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, COMET (the Combined Ozarks Multi-jurisdictional Enforcement Team) and the Greene County, Mo., Sheriff's Department.

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